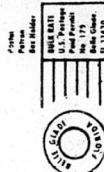


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Building inspections start

By JEFF BROWN

BELLE GLADE - Belle Glade city officials are in the early stages of a building inspection program that Planning Director Reman M. Harvin said should result in the inspection of every building in the blighted southwest section of the city within a year.

Building Inspector Barry Underwood and Pervis Benjamin started the inspections Tuesday morning, September 27.

Underwood estimates that about 300 structures containing 1,546 living units will be inspected. A stipulation in the

settlement of the Dunbar vs. city of Belle Glade law suit mandated that 184 of those dwellings be inspected.

Harvin said this inspection will not only satisfy that stipulation but also will be a step in implementing the five-year plan Harvin has proposed.

Under the five-year plan, which has never been officially adopted, every residence in the city will be inspected within a five-year period.

Harvin said that once the inspections in the densely populated section targeted by the law suit are completed,

most of the inspections will be easier.

The 300 inspections the city building inspectors started work on this week will include all buildings between Avenue A on the east and Southwest Avenue E in the south, Southwest Fourth Street in the east and Southwest 10th Street in the west.

"This will really shake-up the area down there," said Underwood. He said the last rooming house inspection he made resulted in the owner making about \$10,000 in repairs and renovations.

Harvin pointed out that pro-

perty owners who have condemned buildings can have the buildings demolished at the county's expense, provided they have no claim to the building with no liens or other claims against the property.

He said so far, four local buildings have been demolished by the county when the owners signed consent forms; six others have signed the forms and he is attempting to clear the way for six other property owners to sign the forms and have their buildings demolished.

The process toward demolition of a building starts when

a red "no occupancy" sign is posted on a building.

Harvin said those signs can be posted by employees of the public works and building departments.

He added that the department isn't seeking to demolish or close down standard housing units and that it doesn't want to discourage property owners from bringing standard housing up to par with improvements.

City officials had made a visual inspection of the exterior of 148 buildings in the targeted area earlier this year and determined that 17 of the

buildings are probably dilapidated and beyond repair while 83 are probably deteriorated and need some work. The remaining 48 are determined to be standard.

The city will also be hiring a code enforcement officer to help lessen the burden on Underwood and Benjamin, according to Harvin. The officer has been requested as part of a federal jobs bill package but Harvin said the city is obligated to hire the code enforcement officer whether or not the federal funding is approved.

In Pahokee

Trailer code to be revised

PAHOKEE - Pahokee city officials are scheduled to meet Tuesday, October 18 to discuss recommended changes to the city ordinance governing mobile homes.

The Pahokee Planning and Zoning Board, in a letter dated September 14, asked the city council to make four revisions in the current code, but some board and council members are apparently willing to scrap the entire ordinance and adopt a new one.

"Rather than make a change here and there, look at the entire ordinance," suggested City Attorney Mike Stauder. "There's too many exceptions to this ordinance to make it feasible to enforce properly. If you don't like this ordinance, why amend it? Why not just start over?"

Planning and Zoning Board Member William "Frenchie" Johnson said that was a good idea.

Stauder said the city could change the ordinance to make it do anything it wanted within reason.

The board had asked the city council to make four major revisions in the code.

• Eliminate a clause which, as it stands, allows any resident in the city to park an unoccupied mobile home on their property.

The proposed revision would also have eliminated all travel trailers from property, a stipulation most council members balked at.

That was revised to prohibit any occupied or unoccupied mobile home or occupied travel

trailer from parking on private property. Mobile homes that would be enclosed and covered in a building would have been permitted, according to the discussion.

• Eliminate all security trailers unless they are used by watchmen employed by the owner of the property.

"We don't see what you gain by putting a trailer out there in the park (with a resident) who's not employed by the company," said Board Chairman Lynn Brinson. "I'm not opposed to anything per se. What I'm opposed to is the way these laws are abused."

• Eliminate hardship cases entirely because "it is being abused."

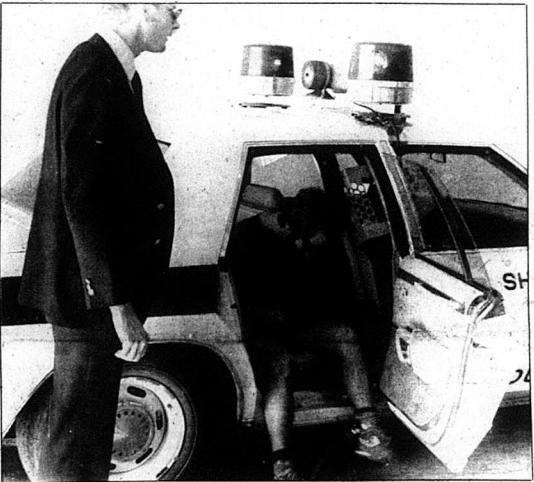
The recommendation went on to say "Trailers that are 'grandfathered in' will have one year from date of this new adopted code to remove said trailer."

• Revise the code to require the city council to abide by the recommendations of the planning board.

The city council, board members, city attorney and city building inspector are to attend the October 18 meeting at 7:30 p.m.

That will give the council a chance to review the recommendations and the code as it currently stands.

Brinson said that the board spends much of its meeting time trying to define and interpret the meaning of the current code of ordinances and that the recommendations are meant to make it more enforceable.



SHERIFF'S OFFICE Detective Cliff Simonds, left, watches while escapee Jack Ritter steps out of the patrol car after his delivery back to the Palm Beach County Jail north of Belle Glade Thursday, September 22. It was Ritter's third escape.

County jail escapee caught

The second escape from the new Palm Beach County Jail facility north of Belle Glade came to a close after the escapee was captured in Okeechobee County Friday afternoon, according to Detective Cliff Simonds of the Glades sub-station of the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office.

Jack Ritter, 32, left the jail at about 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, September 21, and was captured by Okeechobee Sheriff's Captain David Parkerson in Platte Bluff at about 1:30 the following afternoon.

Ritter was apparently walking along a street in the vicinity of a girl friend's residence when

apprehended.

It was Ritter's third escape since entering the prison system in 1972.

He had also escaped from Union Correctional Institute in 1981 and Glades Correctional Institute July 17, 1983.

He was in the Palm Beach County facility pending charges from the July 17 escape.

At that time he was charged with escape from a state institute and carrying a concealed weapon by a convicted felon.

Last week's incident will result in a new charge, escape from a county jail.

Council won't take sides on issue

By JEFF BROWN

PAHOKEE - Pahokee city council members, responding to a request from former councilman George Tillis, made public their views on the city manager form of government versus the strong mayor-city council form the city currently operates under.

All the council members said they favored the concept of a city manager but, for the most part, the council has declined to take an official stand on the issue as one body.

The voters have a chance to express their views in a non-binding referendum October 25.

Mayor Duncan Padgett, who had previously come out strongly against the city manager plan, said he intends not to campaign either way on the question of which concept the city should operate under unless the city council decides to take a public stand as a group.

"I'm willing to give you a fight," said Padgett. "I think it's something the people should decide but if you all want to take a stand on it, then I'll tell you what my stand is. I'm against it. I can't tell people how to vote

no way, but I'm willing to give you a fight."

Tillis said he wasn't necessarily urging the council to take an official stand as the council, but added if the council members would express their opinions in some way, it would probably be important to some voters.

"Either way, your all's opinion would be very valuable in my mind," said Tillis. "I'd just like to see you all take a public stand one way or the other because I feel your stand is very valuable."

"You want us to all express our personal views on it?" asked Council President Ada Conley.

"I'm 100 percent for it," said Councilman Joe Stock.

"Me too," said Councilman Walter Rashley. "So am I," said Councilman Ronnie Graydon.

"Me too," said Conley.

"I'm all for it if we go with it all the way, but I'm opposed if we only go for part of it," said Councilman William E. McKinstry. "I've got some reservations about whether we can afford it, but I'm still for it."



A JUPITER WARRIOR punts the ball in Pahokee Blue Devil-Jupiter game, last week while a Blue Devil closes in. The Devils won the game. More results and pictures are inside.

New auditing firm retained by South Bay

SOUTH BAY - A new firm will probably be coming on board to audit South Bay's municipal books for the 1983-1984 fiscal year.

William Washington of West Palm Beach told the city commission Tuesday night, September 20, that his firm also audits Riviera Beach's books and the community development grant books for West Palm Beach.

His firm will be replacing the firm that has audited South Bay's books for the past four years: Nowlen, Holt, Miner and Kisker.

Ed Holt, a representative from the outgoing firm, ask-

ed the commission to stay with the same firm to avoid the "inefficiency" that a change in firms would cause.

His plan didn't enough to persuade the necessary majority of three to swing his way, however.

Commissioner Willie Marshall moved that Washington be hired as the new auditor and Vice Mayor Vernita Cox seconded. The vote carried the motion 3-2 with Tanner and Garcia voting against it and Cox, Marshall and Renick Morris voting for the change.

Cox said she had heard at

a Florida League of Cities workshop on audits that cities should change auditing firms occasionally.

Marshall had been openly critical of the city's auditing firm in the past and had originally asked the city to examine other auditing proposals.

He asked Holt why the commissioners hadn't been informed earlier than a "couple months ago" that the water and sewer budgets had a \$74,000 deficit.

Holt replied that the deficit was probably a retained earnings deficit that was the

result of fixed assets being offset by liability.

He said the deficit was nothing to worry about and that the city should be more concerned about a fund balance deficit.

The retained earnings deficit probably existed for 20 to 30 years, he said.

Washington said his firm would absorb the first year start-up costs entailed by the change in auditing firms and that there probably be no decrease in fees for the following years because of that.

He also said he would be available for consultation but

couldn't say how quickly he would be available if called by the commission.

"It would depend on how critical your needs are," he said. "I would suggest at the end of the fiscal that a workshop be set up to examine it. Normally, I would not come unless called."

Tanner said he was opposed to a change in auditing firms because the inefficiency caused by a change in firms will be reflected in the staff and he also wanted to see the city keep its money locally if possible. Nowlen, Holt, Miner and Kisker have an office in Belle Glade while

Washington doesn't.

"Basically all audit reports are the same," said Tanner.

"You have your preface and a discussion of some problems that the city commission must solve. You won't attend meetings unless called."

Washington told the commission after the appointment was official that he would present the city with a fee proposal. If the city commission can reach agreement with him he will be auditing the city's 1983-1984 budget.

Commission buys insurance, sells tractor, and changes zoning

BELLE GLADE - Firefighters and police officers will receive life insurance as part of their benefits as a result of a new state requirement.

The city commission Monday evening, September 26, voted unanimously to purchase the state-required \$50,000 death benefit policies for a three-year plan that will total \$1,671. That low bid was submitted by Milton Carpenter Insurance of Belle Glade.

A single year's premium would be \$582 so the city was saving slightly over 10 percent by purchasing the three year plan.

City Manager W.E. "Tom" Strang, Jr. said the savings don't appear to be much, but the three-year premium protected the city from rate increases over that time span.

The city had received two other quote on the insurance. Burke, Bogart and Brown of Boca Raton offered a policy at \$619 annually or \$1,671 for three years.

The city commission also sold a diesel tractor with a backhoe and front end loader for \$3,013, the high bid on the equipment the city had determined was surplus.

The first reading of an ordinance changing the zoning of a lot on Southwest Second Street was also passed by the city commission.

The ordinance, if passed at the second and final reading, will change the zoning of the lot located at 667 and 673 Southwest Second Street from R1 residential to R2 residential.

It will allow the owner to construct a quadplex on the site.

The proposal has caused some controversy

among the residents in the area.

Some individuals in the area claim an apartment building will attract more dirt and crime to the area.

In other business, the city commission:

• Adopted a millage rate of 5.4302 on all taxable real and personal property in the city.

The commission also approved the 1983-1984 fiscal budget of \$5,299,373.

A revenue sharing budget totaling \$265,500 was also approved and the water and sewer budget, which totaled \$3,710,258 also gained the commission's nod.

A marine fund budget totaling \$211,555 also was passed.

• Approved a request from Belle Glade Crime Watch, Inc. for a \$500 donation from the 1983-1984 fiscal year budget.

According to Finance Director Frank Anderson, the city's donation budget for the fiscal year which is ending had \$503 left in it.

Police Chief D. Bill Mathis asked for the donation so the Crime Watch Action Committee could afford to have more brochures printed.

"In all fairness, the action committee is the real workhorse of the organization," said Mathis. "This committee has done a tremendous amount of work in the community. And I think a large part due to it, the crime rate has gone down substantially. I'd like to commend them."

• Told the Community Action Council that it had already budgeted \$1,000 in the 1983-1984 budget for the organization.

The \$1,000 budget was at the same level as last year, but Linda Evans, a local official with the council, asked the commission to consider increasing the donation.

"We need additional funds to help us," she said. "There are other cities which are helping with far more."

Mayor Thomas L. Altman said the commission would consider the request for a larger donation when it reexamines the budget in November or December.

• Learned of several proclamations the Mayor had made.

According to city clerk June H. Boglioli, Altman had declared: October 3 to October 15 Shrine Hospital Days; October 16 to October 22 Handicapped Awareness Week and October 17 to October 23 Palm Beach Junior College Golden Anniversary week.

Cable TV repairs in Glades area expected to be completed soon

Repairs to the cable television system in Belle Glade and South Bay should be completed in two weeks and in Pahokee in three and a half weeks if the weather cooperates, according to Sunbelt Cable, Incorporated of Florida.

Subscribers will be experiencing periodic lapses in their reception through the final phases of the upgrading because the system is being "swept," according to Vice President Kevin McLaughlin, who addressed the Belle Glade city commission Monday evening, September 26 and the Pahokee city council September 27.

Sweeping, which started earlier this week, involves pulling and sometimes replacing electronic module units in the system. The reception will be interrupted anywhere from a few seconds to five minutes, according to James Brewer, a local manager with Sunbelt.

McLaughlin said the company should be complete the repairs to the system in the near future and will then be able to offer added cable channels "very, very soon."

When the company first approached the city commission in May, its spokesman said they thought the system's repairs could be completed by the end of the calendar year. They acknowledged Monday night that they are ahead of schedule.

McLaughlin told the Pahokee city council that company plans are to expand the current 12 channel system. He added that soon after the upgrading is completed and the company is prepared to start offering the new satellite programming, he would probably approach the city council with a video tape presentation on the programming the company plans to add.

Council President Ada Conley said she hoped cable subscribers would realize there will be interruptions in reception while the work is completed and that they would delay their complaints until the work is scheduled to end.

"There is a public relations problem in that you are trying to do a positive, but there is also a negative," said McLaughlin of the improvements to the system and the reception problems it creates.

The company is apparently planning on adding the additional programming in some areas in November. A letter sent in the October cable bills by Sunbelt asks customers to watch for additional programming in November.

Annual poster contest planned

BELLE GLADE - The Beautification Committee of the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce will host the annual poster contest for all interested parties in the City of Belle Glade.

Posters showing a scene of people cleaning up is required, preferably on poster board. The entrant must also have a slogan on the poster which state "Tidy Tim says:" and then write a short slogan.

An example given was: "Tidy Tim says: 'Keep Belle Glade Clean and Green,'" or any short slogan which hopefully rhymes.

All entries must be in at the Chamber of Commerce by noon on October 6. Late entries will not be accepted as the judging will take place at 1:30 p.m. on the same day.

Three trophies will be awarded for the top three entrants and a grand prize will be given by the Chamber of Commerce float during the parade Saturday, October 29.

TAKING THE OATH for a term on the city commission in Belle Glade Monday night Jr. and first-term Commissioner Daniel S. Bythwood. City Clerk June H. Boglioli administered the oath. Tindall, Commissioner George Goforth,

City awaits pay classification recommendations from firm

BELLE GLADE - A private firm is expected to bring recommendations to the Belle Glade city commission on changes to the city pay classification plan within 90 days, according to City Manager W.E. "Tom" Strang, Jr.

The firm, Long Associates, was hired Monday night, September 26 by the city commission.

Strang recommended the city hire the consulting firm.

He said the firm would interview about 70 percent of the city employees and would make suggestions on streamlining the city operation.

He said if revisions should be made, the city commission must make the ultimate decision.

Part of the firm's report could include revised job descriptions, said Strang.

According to Strang, the firm determined that it would cost the city \$4,000 for the job for more than \$5,400.

The city commission had determined during the mid-summer budget session that it should hire an outside firm to review and revise the city pay classification plan and had budgeted funds in the 1983-1984 budget for the consultation.

The current plan was developed in-house.

Strang said he talked with three firms and determined that Long Associates would be able to best give the city the "personal touch" it needed.

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Opinion

New council could incite area growth

The Belle Glade City Commission has finally taken action in setting up an Economic Development Council.

Soon, it will be seeking at least five members for the board.

Those who ultimately serve on the board will be sitting on what could be one of the most important government branches in the area.

They will be charged with developing incentives that will attract business and industry to the area.

Tax incentives, loans and grants are just a few of the incentives that must be examined by the board.

If economic diversification is ever to be reached in this area, the area must be sold and the people on Belle Glade's Economic Development Board are in the position to develop the package

that will best sell it.

They have many obstacles to overcome: poor roads leading in and out of the area, competition from other areas and a housing shortage to name just a few.

But the area does have a large unemployed potential workforce.

Many of the obstacles can be solved. Some of the problems could probably be better solved if the economy was already diversified and more people working, but decrying a catch 22 situation doesn't solve anything.

We hope the Economic Development Board successfully circumvents the disadvantages faced by the city and area and develops enough new advantages to make it worthwhile for some other industries to enter the area.

If code doesn't work, toss it out, replace it

We think the Pahokee city council and Planning and Zoning Board would make the right decision if it tosses out the current code of ordinances governing mobile homes and trailers in the city and drafts a new one.

We have reservations about a couple of the recommended changes the board wants to see in new code, but we think those things can be worked out among the parties.

It's obvious the current code isn't working. Trailers, mobile homes and their placement are a recurring problem at city council meetings.

Even City Attorney Mike Stauder admits there are too many exceptions to the current code for it to be enforceable.

He urged the city to throw it out and draft a new code.

If it ain't broke, don't fix it is a good rule to follow. We also think a good rule is, if it don't work and it's beyond repair, replace it.

We aren't sure it's a good idea to eliminate all hardship trailers or if it

is, if it's possible to demand all hardship trailers be removed from the city within a year of the passing of a new code.

But we have faith that the city council's compassion and the city attorney's legal expertise will guide city officials to the appropriate action in those matters.

If we are reading the recommendations correctly, one clause would bind council to accepting any recommendation of the board.

We don't think that's a good idea. The council members are the elected officials and, as such, are ultimately responsible for any decision coming from the Planning and Zoning Board or any other board in the city.

If they have the ultimate responsibility, they should retain the right to approve or disapprove any action by any board.

We hope the city can develop a workable, fair and enforceable code to govern trailers and mobile homes in the city.

Additional inspections are commendable, logical

A stipulation that settled the court case of Dunbar vs. the City of Belle Glade mandated the city inspect 184 buildings between Avenue A and Southwest Avenue E and Southwest Fourth and Southwest 10th Streets.

The city has started those inspections this week. Building Inspector Barry K. Underwood and Planning Director Remar M. Marvin said the city plans to inspect two buildings a day and hopefully complete the inspection of all the buildings in the area within a year.

That's ALL the buildings in the area. Not just 184, but 300 of them. That's 116 more than required by the settlement.

Harvin said the inspections are just the first step in a five-year plan which will see the city inspect every residence in the city in five years.

Underwood predicts the inspections will result in a serious "shake-up" in the blighted southwest section of the town as landlords will be required to make repairs and renovations to deteriorated or dilapidated housing units.

We hope the city is successful in its plans and commend it for the decision to broaden the inspection plans and do more than what is required.

It wouldn't make sense to condemn one building on the required list and allow another in similar condition on the same block to stand just because the second building isn't on the list.

Letter to grandson

Dear Brian,

I was delighted to learn during our phone conversation Sunday that the tooth fairy had not, as you feared, shortchanged you in her dealings over your most recently lost front tooth. I quite agree that if she is willing to pay Jeff or Fred, or whatever your friend's name is, one dollar for the loss of his tooth, she owes you no less.

At your age, discussing the matter of discrimination with your parents was exactly the proper thing to do. At six, you can expect your parents to file a complaint on your behalf or negotiate for a more equitable settlement. But I am glad your mother found the missing money when she made up your bed so that no formal action need be taken.

Even one dollar is little enough compensation for the pain and suffering involved, not to mention the temporary inconvenience, disfigurement and embarrassment that will be inflicted upon you in coming months. Your chief antagonists, of course, will be adults, who will taunt you about your missing teeth but who would, themselves, be shocked at your impudence if you asked them, "And what happened to all your teeth?"

I regret to advise you that I lost all confidence in the tooth fairy's sense of fairness when I was about 30. Two of my teeth, which were under my original warranty, failed to be delivered. Disregarding the manufacturer's claim that they would appear in the appropriate place at a preset time, the teeth (quite appropriately called "wisdom" teeth) grew instead into the roof of my mouth and had to be removed by a dental surgeon. Since he was, as it were, in the

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"And What Not"



wholesale business, I left the teeth with him to negotiate a fair price with the tooth fairy. Two weeks later I received a reply in the mail. It was a bill for \$500 to be paid by me and not one cent to be contributed by the tooth fairy.

When I returned to his office and requested my teeth, in order to strike a bargain for myself, he advised me he no longer had them in his possession. He loaned me two extracted teeth he had on hand, which I subsequently placed under my pillow, but the tooth fairy is not easily fooled. She did not pay a red cent.

As I stated previously, you will be inconvenienced by the temporary loss of more than one of your incisors. The heretofore tidy removal of corn from the cob will be a frustration. But out of adversity, triumphs achievement. Take advantage of this opportunity to learn to whistle through the aperture — or gap, if you like. With assiduous practice, you will perfect a shrill, piercing response to the asinine question posed by grown-ups of whatever happened to your front teeth. In a word, boy, it will knock their sox off.

Love,
Grandma

At U.N., it's politics as usual

Whoever said money can't buy happiness knew what he was talking about.

Take the United Nations for example. Despite all the money the United States has pumped into the U.N., it has brought us neither happiness nor popularity.

Instead, it seems every third world country in existence uses it as a soapbox to take pot shots at Uncle Sam.

The words were long overdue when a weary American diplomat recently invited anyone unhappy with the U.S. as host country to pickup and move the U.N. anywhere else they so wished.

Does the U.N. really serve any purpose other than as a forum? There is plenty of talk, but we seldom see action which we could be construed as beneficial to our interests. Quite the contrary.

For instance, Lebanon is a problem that the U.N. should be concerning itself with right now.

If U.N. members really want to see an end to the killing, why don't they do something about it. Simply, it's because it is to the advantage of the more radical countries to keep things boiling there.

A release came across my desk from Florida Senator Lawton Chiles which brought the issue into focus for me.

Chiles talks about the torment he has experienced because of the commitment of U.S. Marines in Lebanon. Chiles says the War Powers Act should be invoked to initiate a national

JIM JONES

BOILER PLATE



debate on the matter and facilitate communication between the president and Congress.

"What is our purpose there? Do we have a purpose there that we should commit blood and our men's lives for? Is there a way of winning in the situation?" he asks.

The answer to each question seems clear, though that doesn't clear up the moral issues. Chiles closes by saying:

"I remember so vividly 1971, my freshman year in the Senate. We were beginning to realize we had entered into a situation in Vietnam where we were not going to have a policy of trying to win. We had drawn lines which we would not cross. Our troops were fighting with their hands behind their backs. We were taking those casualties. And too many members of Congress were saying: 'Well, it wasn't our decision to send the troops there. Now that they are there, we can't cut off the support. So, what do we do?'"

"It would be unconscionable to allow this to happen again."

I think most of us share Chiles' agony over the Lebanon question.

There really is no international peace-keeping force in Lebanon now — only the U.S., France, and Italy.

At the same time, we are trying to keep the peace other U.N. member countries are supplying the arms and ammunition to the various factions to ensure the killing continues.

If we can get a consensus among the nations of the world through the U.N. to stop this hideous little war, I wonder what's the use of continuing to support it.

There seems little doubt, however, that we will continue to support the Lebanon peace-keeping force and the U.N. We pay in blood for one and money for the other.

It's politics as usual.

Letter

CDS nickname bothers man

Editor:

Although I am not at all interested in high school football, my own children having grown up, with children of their own, I happened to tune in the other day to the September 15 football game between Boca Raton Academy and Belle Glade Christian Day. My sympathies to the boys on their loss.

But what bothered me is that over and over, the boys were called the "Crusaders." I don't know if that is the name given by the broadcaster, or if this is their actual nickname.

I am sure you recall the name of the fact that the Crusades of eight or nine centuries ago were, perhaps the greatest lot of freebooters, rapists, looters and murderers ever let loose on innocent, helpless citizens.

Gathered together on what might be called a noble cause, their path through Europe leaving a trail of blood, fire and rapine after them is well chronicled in history books. Yet, that path of misery was nothing compared to what they did in Constantinople when they murdered more than 300,000 of their fellow Christians, men, women and children, from infants to the aged.

Perhaps your athletic teams might want to adopt a name a bit more in keeping with the principles that teach.

— Herman Herst, Jr.
Boca Raton, Florida

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Julius T. Moon (left), chairman of the Board of Directors and President of the Bank of Pahokee, is shown at the grand opening of the Independent Banker's Bank

of Florida grand opening Thursday, Sept. 22, with Merle Glasper, president of the new bank.

Glades bank presidents are leaders in Independent bank

ORLANDO — Presidents of three Glades area independent banks have assumed leadership positions in the newly opened Independent

Banker's Bank of Florida headquarters in Orlando. Julius T. Moon, president of the Bank of Pahokee, was elected first chairman of the

Board of Directors of the Independent Banker's Bank of Florida Thursday, Sept. 22.

Howard E. Kurtz, president of the First Bank of Clewiston was elected vice chairman. And W. W. Mikell,

president of the Bank of Belle Glade, was

elected to the 20-member charter board of directors.

The Independent Banker's Bank of Florida, organized by the Independent Bankers of Florida, a banking trade organization of independent community banks throughout the state, is a wholesale correspondent bank exclusively for the state's independent banks.

Moon, a 25-year career executive at Bank of Pahokee, was chairman of the organizing committee appointed by Independent Bankers of Florida. President Merle L. Glasper to investigate the feasibility and later to organize the bank's bank.

Grand opening ceremonies were held Thursday, Sept. 22, at the bank's corporate headquarters in Orlando.

So here we are sitting in church Sunday morning, wondering, "Are they sick or wouldn't their car start, should I call to see if I can help in any way?" Believe it or not, some of your church family care enough about you that when you are AWOL they worry.

One of America's most successful businessmen and greatest financiers was J.L. Kraft, the founder of Kraft Cheese Company. This busy man was truly dedicated to Christ and the church. If he had to be out of town on even a Wednesday night or if he was sick, he would wire the pastor to say he would be praying for the prayer service that night.

Are you busy? Too busy to notify your "family" when you are not coming to the reunion? Next time you plan a trip or become ill, let someone at church know you will miss. Who knows, they just might pray for you.

A pinch of salt...

The Family of God

In the New Testament the church is sometimes referred to as "the household of faith" or "the family of God." The Apostle Paul teaches that we have been adopted into this family just because God loves us. That makes me feel special and secure.

But there are many Christians who treat the "church family" like anything but family. I'm not even thinking now of the gossip, backbiting and vicious arguments that go on between believers. Neglect seems to be the most common mistreatment.

When I am going away for the day or for a week, I tell my wife where I am going, how I can be reached and when I expect to return. What husband and father wouldn't? But so many church members feel free to leave for a weekend (and there's nothing wrong with that, occasionally) without letting anyone know they will be in church Sunday.

Obituaries

JAMES CARROLL WARREN

J. Carroll Warren, 58, of 981 S.E. Second St., Belle Glade, died September 24, at the Good Samaritan Hospital in West Palm Beach.



Warren

Snow.

Interment services followed at the Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery in West Palm Beach. Those who wish may make a contribution in memory of Mr. Warren

Elia Ernaline Loggins

Elia Ernaline Loggins, 89, of 637 South Bedford Highway, Pahokee, died Friday, September 23, in Palm Beach Gardens Hospital in Palm Beach Gardens.

The former Ella Clara, she was born in Huntsville, Alabama, on February 27, 1915, daughter of the late Lum and Bonnie Clarendon. Mrs. Loggins had made her home in Pahokee since November 1955 and was a member of the First Church of God, Pahokee.

Survivors include her husband, Sam of Hollywood and Janet Warren of Belle Glade; two brothers, Kenneth L. Warren of Lake Harbor and Willis L. Warren of Apopka; one sister, Ruth W. Miners of Pahokee; four grandchildren; J.W. Warren, Jesse Warren, Meme Warren, and Samantha Dubberly.

Funeral services were at the First Baptist Church in Belle Glade September 24, with the Reverend Robert Atkins officiating, assisted by the Rev. Paul Murray of the South Bay Baptist Church.

VIVIEN SMITH

Vivien Smith, 80, of Belle Glade died Thursday, Sept. 22, in Clewiston.

Mrs. Smith was born Aug. 28, 1903, and had lived in the Glades area 63 years.

She is survived a daughter, Zelta Holt of Belle Glade; a brother, Raymond Wilder of Hobe Sound; a sister,

Hilda Lee of Clewiston; three grandchildren; and five great grandchildren.

Graveside funeral services were held Saturday, Sept. 24, at 11 a.m. at Ridgewood Cemetery with Rev. Paul Murray of South Bay officiating.

Bare joins ESE

David A. Bare has joined Environmental Science and Engineering, Inc. (ESE) as senior associate scientist in the Air Resources Division.

monitoring networks, development of quality assurance/standard operating procedures and manuals, management of water sampling and analysis laboratories, and Shoubrah El-Kheims oceanographic as-power station environments. He will be a environmental monitor the technical super-project in Cairo and assistant pro-Egypt project manager for ESE's

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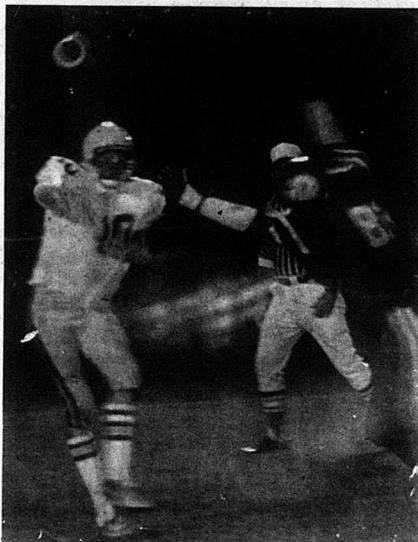


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Jubie Farms 11-1
Judy Swindle - 224; Bonnie Laird - 203
Team No. 6-3
Yvonne Swindle - 191; Mary Lou Sherrill - 191
Billie Jo Hileman - 75
Rose Goodbread - 205
(scratch) 259-656 series
Judy Roger Martin - 68
Judy Lynn Martin - 68
Swindle Bros. Paving - 66
Julia Swindle - 228 (scratch)
265 - 641 series; Beverly Beck - 176
Atlantic Garage - 57
Sherry Jones - 230
Comfort Air Cond. - 48
Portia Kirkland - 198; Toby Sims - 200
Team No. 4-48
Sheri Hartley - 216; Sabra Havard - 195
Emrich Salvage - 39
Lucile Crouch - 206; Glenda Texon - 221



TAKING TO THE AIR didn't help the Jupiter cause Friday, as the Warriors failed to score in four periods of play against Pahokee.

Pahokee Blue Devils pick up first win for new coach

By MIKE UNDERWOOD

PAHOKEE - The Pahokee Blue Devils' first victory of the 1983 season represents a first of another sort for their coach.

The 14-0 shutout of the Jupiter Warriors was Amos Turner's first victory with the Blue Devils.

"It was a superb defensive effort," said Turner. "The offensive line is coming around. If we get some down field blocking from them, we might be able to break a few long plays off."

The victory gives the Blue Devils a 1-2 record that Turner hopes to see improved.

"This victory here will help," said Turner. "The team will start getting confidence in itself. When we play Atlantic at home this week, if we

have a good game against them, it should turn the season around for us."

"The offensive line is improving. We had a man (Paul Buxton) who ran for 155 yards. We didn't score but we did move the ball," said Turner.

The night definitely belonged to the Blue Devil defense which not only held the Warriors to just 32 yards on the ground and 65 in the air, but scored Pahokee's first eight points in the second quarter.

Jerome Powell sacked the Jupiter quarterback in the end zone to put Pahokee up 2-0.

Both offenses failed to move the ball and the

ried it in to put the Devils up 8-0.

Blue Devil defense took control again. Melvin Jones blocked a punt on the 20 yard line and car-

The defenses held through the third quarter but Pahokee's offense broke through late in the fourth when Richard Lyndale ran the ball over the goal line from five yards out.

The Blue Devils rushed for 172 yards and passed for 43. They were penalized five times for a total loss of 65 yards. The Warriors lost 30 yards in four penalties.

This week, Pahokee hosts Atlantic.

'Actually, our scoring may have been why their stats were that good. We didn't hold the ball that long.'

-Coach Byron Walker

In the past, most of the Gators' assault had been from the ground.

"We've already thrown the ball probably 20 more times than we had in the past few years at this time," said Walker. "He's a very accurate passer if you keep him in his range. If we don't try to go long or very far down field, he's pretty accurate."

The Gators aren't abandoning their ground attack, though.

Only one of their four touchbacks last week were scored on passes. The other three were picked up by Jose Perez running the ball over the goal line.

Perez scored seven times for a total of 73 yards and three touchdowns.

He scored the Gators' first touchdown to tie the score at six. When Schlechter put the ball between the uprights for the extra point, Glades Day took a lead it would never relinquish.

Dade Christian took the opening kick-off and drove for 60 yards to score a touchdown.

The Gators took the next kick-off and it looked like they were stopped at fourth down and long.

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	Jupiter	Pahokee
First down	8	10
Rushing yards	32	172
Passes	17-5-1	15-3-1
Fumbles Lost		1-1
Punts (no./avg.)	4-35	4-27
Yards penalized	30	65
Jupiter	0 0 0	— 0
Pahokee	0 8 6	— 14

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4:00 p.m. - Sunday

Lohman leads Gators to 29-12 win over Dade

BELLE GLADE - Quarterback Brian Lohmann and a fast-paced offensive attack proved to be the differences Friday evening as the Glades Day Gators claimed their second victory in three contests this season by beating Dade Christian 29-12.

Dade Christian, the second of three consecutive Class 2A schools the Gators are scheduled to play, only put 12 points on the board, but, according to Gator Coach Byron Walker, Jr., the two teams were much closer in "other stats."

"The game was closer than the score indicates. They may have been better than us statistically," said Walker.

So what won the game for the Gators?

"We scored," said Walker. "Actually, our scoring may have been why their stats were that good. We didn't hold the ball that long. The times we had the football, we struck pretty early. They got the ball back rather quickly. They actually put together a couple rather good drives."

Both teams racked up about 250 yards offensively.

Quarterback Brian Lohmann led the offensive attack with 112 yards passing. He completed seven of eight and threw a 38 yard touchdown pass to Mike Schlechter in the second quarter. That would turn out to be the winning touchdown, putting the Gators up 13-6.

"He's done an excellent job," said Walker of Lohmann. "If he continues to play as effectively as he is, we'll do well."

Lohmann adds a new dimension to the Gator offense: a throwing quarterback.

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Santa Luces Chiefs scare Raiders, 20-14

By ALMA HENRY

BELLE GLADE — After playing on a rain-soaked field, the Glades Central Raiders almost went home Friday night singing the "rainy day blues" when Santaluces High School almost upset them.

The Santaluces Chiefs, 0-3 since fielding their first gridiron team in 1982, came within one point of beating the Raiders, considered by many coaches to be the best in the area. The Chiefs took the Raiders to two overtimes before falling 20-14.

The Raiders beat Santaluces 62-0 last year.

Quarterback Kenneth Hammond, filling in for ailing Eric Smith, scored on a 10-yard run around the left end to give Glades Central the victory.

The Raiders led at halftime by a score of 14-0.

Tight end John Ford scored during the first quarter on a 44-yard pass from Smith. Tim Sims kicked the extra point.

During the second quarter, Sims, on a 29-yard run, hit the pay dirt for the second touchdown of the game. He also kicked the extra point to give the Raiders a 14-0 lead at the half.

Neither team scored during the third quarter, although the Raiders had several touchdowns called by the officials.

The Chiefs tied the game in the fourth quarter with touchdowns by Steve Thomas and T. Connell.

The Raiders (3-0) had a chance to score as time was running out in regulation play. With 26 seconds left, Hamilton dropped back from Santaluces' 16-yard line on a fourth-down play. But he was sacked by Chiefs' defensive end Steve Thomas to send the game into overtime.

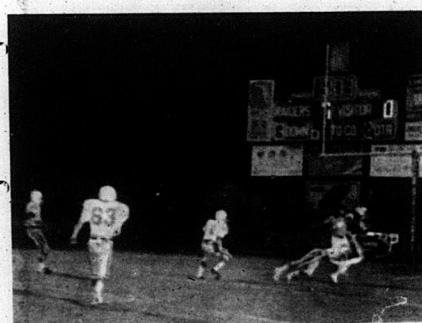
Thomas was hurt on the play and taken by ambulance to Glades General Hospital.



RAIDERS scramble for valuable yardage against the Chiefs.



TAILBACK Tim Sims scored one of the Raiders' three touchdowns against Santaluces Friday night.



THE RAIDERS defeated the Chiefs by a score of 20-14 to up their season record to 3-0. The Raiders take on Fort Pierce Westwood Saturday in Fort Pierce.

Gators

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But Dade Christian was penalized for defensive holding on the play, and the Gators were given an automatic first down.

That set off the Gator drive for a new life. Perez carried the ball over from the two yard line.

In the second quarter, Lohmann completed a 38-yard pass to Schlechter to put the Gators up 13-6. That lead was increased when Lohmann completed a pass to Michael Mock for a two-point conversion that gave the Gators a 15-6 lead.

Dade Christian came back with a touchdown in the third period, but the Gators defense held Dade Christian the rest of the game while the offense put up 14 more points on the board.

Perez crossed the goal line for his second touchdown of the evening when the Gators drove to the two yard line in the third period.

In the fourth, he returned a punt 53 yards for the final score of the game.

Schlechter kicked three extra-points to bring

his game total to nine. Perez scored 18 and Mock two points.

Philip Echols was the Gators' second leading rusher with 53 yards in eight carries.

Lohmann completed two passes to Bayon Abraham, two to Bobby Crum, one to Schlechter, one to Mock and one to Royal Hayes.

According to Walker, the Gators were also playing without the services of their regular center, so Tim Kirchman had to fill in.

"I thought he did a real good job considering his lack of size and experience. If he didn't do the job, we would have lost the ball game."

The Gators are off this week and will be preparing for their next game against 2A Lake Placid.

Walker said he expects to concentrate on improving the defense.

"We'll see if we can't stop somebody," he said.

"We played better Friday. I think the moves we made are going to be effective."

Economic Development approved, must be filled

BELLE GLADE — Belle Glade city commissioners are seeking individuals to serve on the city's newly established economic development board.

The ordinance establishing the board was read and adopted on first reading at the city commission's regular meeting Monday, September 26. Final adoption is expected in October.

According to City Attorney John E. Baker, the board must have no less than five members serving staggered terms, but it could carry more members if the city commission determines it

necessary.

He added the board will have "pretty free reign as far as recommendations are concerned."

Anything it does must go to the city commission for approval, he added.

Baker said the ordinance doesn't establish any particular meeting schedule or requirements and that it can be triggered into activity by direction of the commission or city manager.

The goal of the board is to examine the various routes available to the city in attracting industry to the city and diversifying the economy.

Weather report			
Date	Max	Min	RF
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Sept. 21, Wednesday	93	69	.00
Sept. 22, Thursday	92	68	.70
Sept. 23, Friday	87	68	1.84
Sept. 24, Saturday	80	69	.00
Sept. 25, Sunday	83	64	.00
Sept. 26, Monday	85	64	.00

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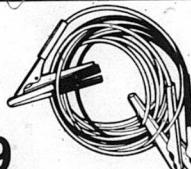


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Improving Crusaders lose to St. Edwards, 14-8

BELLE GLADE - Belle Glade Christian Coach James Jacks is optimistic.

His Crusader football squad got on the scoreboard for the first time this season in the fourth quarter Friday, September 23, but they still lost to St. Edwards 14-8.

Jacks thinks time was the only thing that kept the Crusaders from claiming their first victory. And he also thinks the Crusaders are in a position to upset seventh ranked King's Academy this weekend.

"We were a much improved ball club over weeks past," said Jacks. "We started playing ball. We just started playing late. If we had another two minutes to play, we would have won the game."

Athletic Director David Dayley echoed those sentiments. "If we had another quarter of foot-

ball to play, we would have beat them. They want to play football. They looked a lot better."

The touchdown and two-point conversion the Crusaders scored early in the fourth quarter ended a streak of 11 scoreless Crusader periods that stretched through 132 minutes and five seconds of game time.

In that time span, the opposition had scored 54 points in three games while the Crusaders dropped to 0-3.

After a scoreless first period, St. Edwards put six points on the board when Craig Stevens carried the ball over from one yard out.

Later that same day, St. Edwards' Jeff Punchen connected with Jodi Schulke for a 16-yard touchdown pass. The two point conversion was good and the teams went to their locker rooms at the half with the score at 14-0.

The Crusader defense shutout St. Edwards in

the second half, but it wasn't until late in the third quarter before the Crusader offense finally took hold.

Kerry Kittrell blocked a punt and Johnnie Navarro recovered it on the St. Edwards four-yard line as the third period closed.

Mirto Vigoa scored on a four-yard run with 11:55 left in the game.

Tim Mann added the two-point conversion to close the gap to six.

That was all the scoring there would be, though. The Crusaders got the ball back with 2:30 left in the game and drove to the St. Edwards 23-yard line where a holding penalty pulled them back.

The clock ran out on the Crusader drive at the 25-yard line.

David Chamblee was the team's leading rusher

with 33 yards in 13 carries.

Mirto Vigoa received two passes for 14 yards and carried the ball four times for 17 yards and the touchdown.

Vigoa also made five tackles and one assist. "He had a great all around game," said Dayley.

The Crusader's leading tackle was Jessie Han-

with three tackles and four assists.

Quarterback Tim Mann completed three of 11 pass attempts for 22 yards. He was intercepted twice.

Jacks thinks the near-win may have inspired the team enough to result in an upset of King's Academy this week.

"I think we're gonna beat King's Academy," said Jacks. "Our boys found out what it almost feels like to win. They're getting ready."



BLUE DEVIL QUARTERBACK Andrew Berry (14) avoids the Jupiter Warrior defense in last Friday night's game. The Devils chalk-

ed up their first victory of the season in the contest.



THE PAHOKEE DEFENSE closes in on Jupiter's quarterback in the Friday even-

Service notes

KENNETH WHITTON

Army Pvt. Kenneth U. Whitton, son of Mavis Whitton of 402 Shirley Drive, Pahokee, has completed training as a grave registration, laundry and bath specialist at the U.S. Army Quartermaster School, Fort Lee, Va. During the course,

His aunt, Esmien Whitton, resides at 4048 Pelican Lake, Pahokee.

MELVIN MCKINNEY

Army Reserve Pfc. Melvin McKinney, son of Catherine and Joseph McKinney, of 709 Padgett Circle, Pahokee, has completed basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C.

During the training, students received instruction in drill and

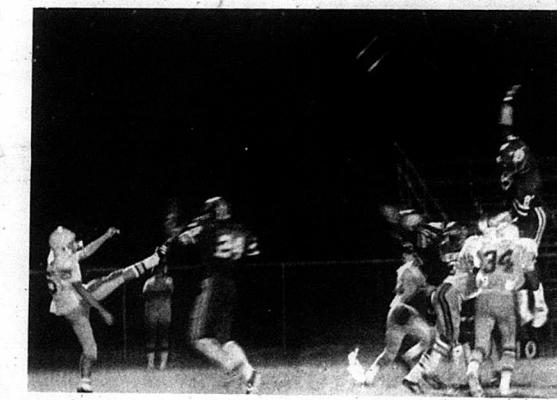
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He is a 1975 graduate of Pahokee Junior Senior High School.



TRYING TO THWART a punt in the Pahokee-Jupiter game last week.

VELMA MARSHALL

Velma L. Marshall, daughter of Murray and Pearl Marshall of 400 SW Avenue C, Belle Glade, has completed training in fundamental military skills at the Army ROTC basic camp at Fort Knox, Ky.

The basic camp is designed to give Junior college graduates and college sophomores who have not taken ROTC courses the chance to enter the program. The camp also qualifies high school graduates for the ROTC program at any of the nation's six military junior colleges.

During the encampment, cadets received training in basic rifle marksmanship, military drill and ceremonies, communications, individual and small unit tactics.

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4 nurses join Everglades Memorial Hospital staff

PAHOKEE - The nursing staff at Everglades Memorial Hospital in Pahokee grew when four registered nurses signed on this week.

The nurses had just recently received word that they had passed the state board of nursing licensure examination.

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Practical nurses graduate at West Tech

BELLE GLADE - Joe Picklesimer, the director of West Tech Graduation ceremonies, gave the welcome and the introduction of the guests. The guest speaker for the occasion was Dr. Jamie Benavides.

Pins and certificates were presented to the new graduates by Karen DeStefano, a registered nurse and department head of health occupations by Picklesimer.

Benediction was by Father Charles Farrar, pastor of the St. John's Episcopal Church.

A reception followed the ceremonies in the student lounge.

MH plans tourney

James Hill, president of the Moore Haven Quarterback Club, announced the club will sponsor a softball tourney Oct. 8-9 at the Moore Haven ball field.

The co-ed tourney will be open to all teams. Hill said the entry fee would be \$85.

Funds will be used to bolster the Moore Haven high school football program.

Teams interested in participating should contact Hill at 946-0130.



COOUNCILLOR/EDUCATOR Anita Adams and member of the board Ruth Wedgworth are shown preparing for Friday's home cooked Italian luncheon. The luncheon is

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The drawing, sponsored by Mu Epsilon Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, will be at 5 p.m.

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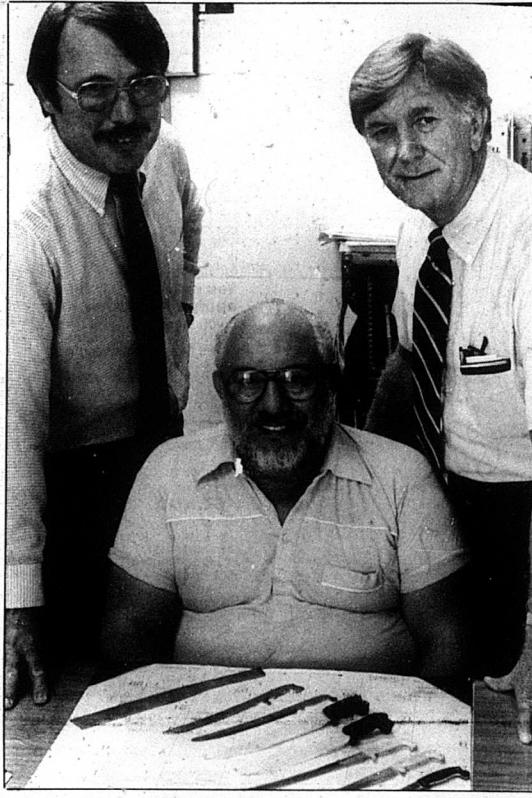


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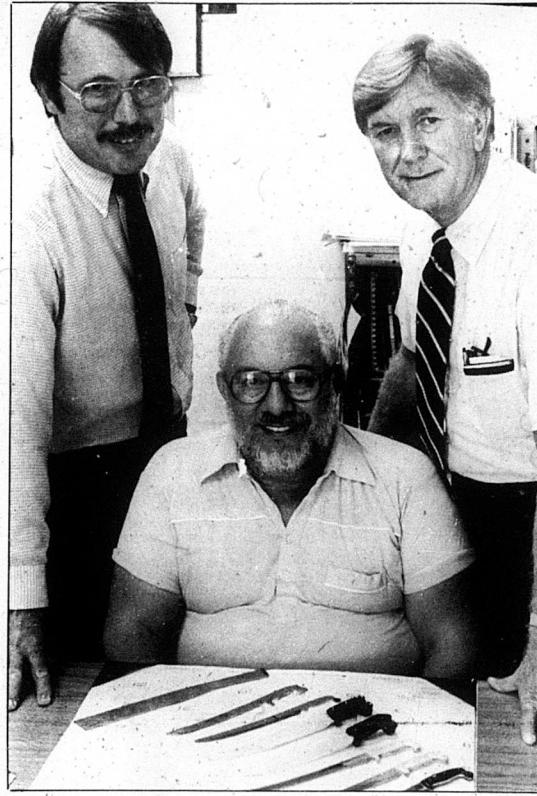


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Under the plan, USSC employees will eventually own 47 percent of USSC stock.

ESOP will not affect employee pension plans. It will be an additional employee benefit. "It won't cost them a penny," Boy said. Stock will be awarded based on the employee's tenure with the company.

"The ESOP helps employees get a stake in the company for which they work," Boy said.

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NELSON FAIRBANKS

Architects of the plan were USSC Vice Pres. Nelson Fairbanks and Miami attorney Bob Muraro, partner in the firm of Mershon, Sawyer, Johnston, Dunwoody and Cole, which has served as general counsel for USSC most of its existence.

The plan was put together in utmost secrecy to avoid a wave of stock market speculation prior to announcement of the cash tender offer for up to 3 1/4 million shares of USSC's common stock at \$68 a share.

"It was no easy job keeping it a secret in Clewiston," Boy said.

At \$68 a share, USSC's offer is well above the going market rate of the stock prior to the announcement.

main objectives of the change are threefold:

1. To provide a substantial margin for public stockholders to encourage them to cash in their stock. USSC stock has been essentially undervalued on the market and it has previously been difficult to sell a block of stock of any appreciable size.

2. To provide employees an opportunity to own 47 percent of the company.

3. To maintain the present majority ownership of the company — the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation, the Mott Children's Health Center, and members of the Mott Family.

Up foremost is the Mott family's concern for the welfare of the company, the communities it serves, and its employees uppermost, Boy said.

"It's a unique plan. It has all winners and no losers," he said.

Boy said he expects all public stockholders to take advantage of the premium offer (\$68 per share).

Stockholders who hold on to their stock will watch the value decrease after the cash

tender period and can look forward to the nonpayment of dividends for at least three years, due to heavy borrowing to pay for the ESOP.

"There is no sound reason" not to accept the tender offer, Boy said, adding that he plans to cash in his personal stock.

"A lot of people have called and been very happy" with the ESOP announcement, Fairbanks said.

"The history has been that employees who will now be owners of the company do that

much better. It gives them something to work for other than a paycheck," Fairbanks said.

"It perpetuates the ownership that has been good to the company and the community," Boy said.

Boy said all feedback he has received, from key executives to hourly wage employees, has been positive to the ESOP.

USSC has advised the union of the ESOP and under current labor laws must negotiate it with labor leaders. "You can't unilaterally

give labor anything," Boy said of current labor laws. No problem is foreseen, however, in implementing the ESOP as a new employee benefit.

The tender offer is subject to, among other things, a minimum of 215,000 USSC shares being properly tendered by the public stockholders and not withdrawn by midnight, New York City time, on Tuesday, Oct. 18, the expiration date for the offer, unless the time is extended.

The withdrawal deadline is Tuesday, Oct. 11.

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Tough shopping cart law passes state legislature

The Florida State Legislature has passed a law cracking down on those who remove shopping carts from the premises of super markets.

Effective Oct. 1, the law makes it a first degree misdemeanor for anyone to unlawfully

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The law creates a presumption that anyone in possession of such items presumed to be in possession of stolen property.

Resident wins Britannica atlas

Wintale Coleman of Belle Glade has won a Britannica World Atlas in the daily drawing held during the month of August.

The drawings for Britannica prizes are held periodically throughout the month

with the winning names drawn from among those who have registered.

Registration for the drawings can be made at any Britannica booth or kiosk at a shopping center, theme park or wherever Britannica is located.

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2 You get 1 Super Bonus Stamp for every \$1 you spend. Paste 36 Super Bonus Stamps on each certificate.

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**SUPERBRAND FRESH
LARGE GRADE 'A'
EGGS
WHITE ONLY**

**29¢
DOZEN**

WITH ONE FILLED SUPER BONUS CERTIFICATE



**MR. BIG
WORLD'S
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**99¢
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**MUELLER'S SPAGHETTI
REGULAR, THIN
OR VERMICELLI
OR ELBOW MACARONI**

**9¢
16-OZ.**

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**BLUE BAY
CHUNK LIGHT
TUNA**

**19¢
6 1/4-OZ.**

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**PREGO SPAGHETTI
SAUCE
PLAIN, MEAT
OR MUSHROOM**

**89¢
32-OZ.**

WITH ONE FILLED SUPER BONUS CERTIFICATE



**DORITOS
REGULAR, LIGHT
NACHO CHEESE, LIGHT
CORN, OR LIGHT
NACHO CHEESE**

**79¢
8-OZ.**

WITH ONE FILLED SUPER BONUS CERTIFICATE



**MAXWELL
HOUSE
COFFEE
REGULAR, ELEC. \$1.59
OR A.D.C.**

**159
16-OZ.
BAG**

WITH ONE FILLED SUPER BONUS CERTIFICATE



**NABISCO
NILLA WAFERS**

**89¢
12-OZ.**

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PRICES GOOD THURSDAY 29
THRU SATURDAY OCTOBER 1, 1983

* Denotes Stores
with Delicatessen

**BELLE GLADE
S.W. 16th St.
• West Canal St. N**

• Glades Plaza

**CLEWISTON
U.S. Hwy. 27
• Sugar Plaza**

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**BEEF LOIN TOP LOIN
BONELESS STRIP STEAK**

**\$3.99
LB.**

5 OR 10-LB. HANDI-PAKS WD PURE

1, 2, OR 3-LB. HANDI-PACKS LB. 1.29

Ground Beef

LB. .99

U.S. CHOICE BEEF CHUCK UNBLADE

100% BEEF

Roast

LB. 2.99

U.S. CHOICE BEEF ROUND FULL CUT

BONELESS

Round Steak

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U.S. CHOICE BEEF ROUND BOTTOM

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Round Roast

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U.S. CHOICE BEEF LON PORTERHOUSE OR

T-BONE

Steak

LB. 3.79

U.S. CHOICE BEEF SMALL END

BONELESS

Blade Steak

LB. 1.59

U.S. CHOICE BEEF CHICK 7-BONE

Roast

LB. 1.69

U.S. CHOICE GRADE 'A' WD FRESH

Whole Fryer

LB. 59

U.S. CHOICE GRADE 'A' WD FRESH FRYER

Breast

Quarters

LB. 69

U.S. CHOICE GRADE 'A' WD FRESH FRYER

Leg Quarters

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U.S. CHOICE GRADE 'A' WD FRESH FRYER

Yerky

Thighs

LB. 99

U.S. CHOICE GRADE 'A' WD FRESH REGULAR

Fryer Wings

LB. 69

PINKY PIG BRAND SPECIAL TRIM FRESH

PORK (CONSISTING OF 5-BLADE 8"

5-SIRLOIN CHOPS)

Economy Chops

LB. 1.39

PINKY PIG BRAND SPECIAL TRIM FRESH

PORK SHOULDER ARM

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LB. 1.39

1-LB. PKG. WD HOT, MEDIUM, OR MILD

2-LB. PKG. 2.78) WHOLE

Hog Sausage

LB. 1.39

1-LB. PKG. WD BRAND MEAT OR BEEF

Franks

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GRILL FRANKS

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**OLD MILWAUKEE
BEER
REGULAR OR LIGHT**

**\$2.99
12-PAK
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CANS**

LIMIT 1 WITH A \$7 ORDER OR MORE
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7-OZ. BUMBLE BEE SOLID WHITE IN
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18 LB BONUS BUY! 49¢

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6 TO 8 LB AVERAGE
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PORK RIBS
3 1/2 LB DOWN
1 lb. BONUS BUY! 1 59

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SUNSHINE BEEF OR MILD
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LB. PEG. 1"

59¢

HY-TOP
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10 OZ. PEG.

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Maria's Ceramics offers classes

Belle Glade — Maria's Originals, located at 1540 N.W. Avenue L Suite 104 is open for business.

The shop features ceramics finished and unfinished. Maria's Originals stocks the largest selection of flatware in Belle Glade, Pahokee and South Bay. Free ceramics courses are offered with purchase of flatware from the shop.

Gifts and custom made gifts are available. The shop also carries a full line of Duncan ceramic paints.

Store hours are 9:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday and Saturdays until 5 p.m. There is ample parking facilities in a lighted area for customer convenience.

Maria says, "Now is the time to start Christmas projects due to the load of business, so that everyone can get their custom made gifts ready in time."

Store owner, Maria Sooko resides at 2 N.E. Avenue H along with her husband, Les and daughter, Elizabeth.



CERAMICS COURSES ARE GIVEN FREE OF CHARGE to customers making purchases from Maria's Originals. Pictured above are Miriam Esquivel, Adelpha Ramos, Ruth Johnson, Nelly Ruiz, Hilary Camacho and Maria Sooko, instructor.

Mara Design and Print Center opens in Belle Glade



BUSY AT THE TYPESETTING MACHINE at Mara Design and Print Center is Cartheda T. Konchellah. The new print shop is located at 1540 N.W. Avenue L, Suite 104.

Jr. Women sponsor costume ball

BELLE GLADE — The Belle Glade Junior Woman's Club will be sponsoring a costume ball, Saturday, October 22 from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Belle Glade Elks Club.

Tickets are \$20 per couple, \$10 single and can be purchased by calling Sharon Underwood at 996-0404.



GETTING THEIR HEADS TOGETHER to plan for a

Mara Design and Print Center located at 1540 N.W. Avenue L Suite 104, opened for business recently. The business is owned and operated by Lawrence S. Ole Konchellah along with his wife, Cartheda.

The business offers offset printing, computerized typesetting and graphics design. The shop specializes in logo design. The shop carries wedding stationery, personalized Christmas cards, church programs, business forms or anything that needs to be printed.

A Belle Glade native, Mrs. Konchellah received her B.S. at Fisk

University in Nashville, Tennessee and received her masters degree from the University of Boston, Mass.

Konchellah is a native of Kenya, Africa and received his degree from the University of Maryland.

The couple have three children, Sation, five, Reson, two, and Moira, one. Mrs. Konchellah is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and both are members of St. John's First Baptist Church.

The couple plan a grand opening later this month but are currently open for business.

Bank of Pahokee announces Saturday banking hours

Saturday banking returns at the Bank of Pahokee's offices beginning Saturday, Oct. 1, Julius T. Moon, president of the bank, announced this week.

Drive-up windows at offices in Belle Glade and Pahokee will open from 9 a.m. to noon every Saturday through the winter season. Bank lobbies at both locations will be closed on Saturdays.

Bank offices at Belle Glade and Pahokee provide customers with 24-hour banking service with automatic teller machines, noted Mr. Moon. The Bank of Pahokee is open Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Fridays from 9:30

to 5:30 p.m. "We hope opening our drive-up windows on Saturdays will be an added convenience for our customers," Mr. Moon said.

The Bank of Pahokee

is Palm Beach County's oldest bank with nearly 62 years of continuous service. Offices are located at 800 S. Main St. in Belle Glade and 104 S. Lake Ave. in Pahokee.

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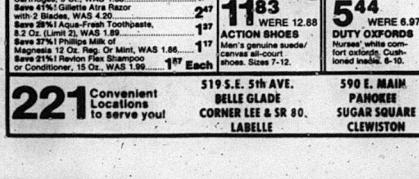
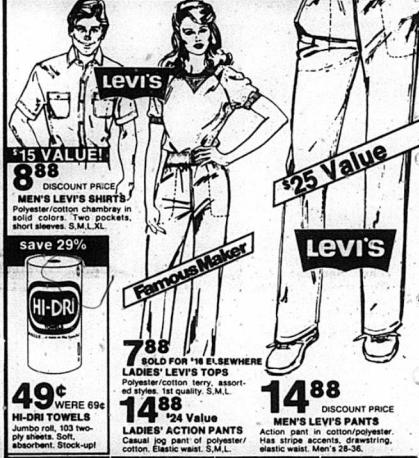
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Jordan-Houser exchange vows in evening ceremony

Karen Annette Jordan and Kerry Duane Houser exchanged wedding vows 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 6, in a candlelight ceremony at the First United Methodist Church of Clewiston. Rev. Marshall Brown officiated at the double-ring ceremony.

The ceremony featured a unity candle and the congregation joining in saying the Lord's Prayer.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Jordan of 611 E. Pasadena Ave. The groom is the son of Mr. Lester Mensch of River Road, Moore Haven.

Organist Mrs. Alden Wyse and soloist Sharon Harris provided special music for the occasion, "Wedding Song" and "I promise You," accompanied by pianist Tina Kelley.

The church was decorated with palms, candelabras, bouquets of daisies, white and burgundy carnations, and a centerpiece of carnations, daisies, and doves, spring rye fern and white bows on the altar.

The bride was escorted to the altar by her father.

She wore a traditional long-sleeved, high neckline wedding



MR. AND MRS. KERRY HOSER

gown with a sheer bodice accented with seed pearls and chantilly lace. Layers of white chantilly lace extended down from her waist ending in a chapel length train. Her veil was made of sheer tulle outlined with seed pearls. She carried a cascade bouquet of white roses, white miniature carnations, babies breath, greenery, and an orchid in the center.

Both members of the annual Crusader choir, student council and National Honor Society, Ramos is also a cheerleader, junior class treasurer and a member of the annual Crusader volleyball, basketball and softball teams.



Angela Miller

Gloria Ramos

2 CDS students attend seminar

BELLE GLADE -- Angela Miller and Gloria Ramos, both juniors at Christian Day School, have been selected to participate in a seminar in practical leadership skills. The Seminar for Tomorrow's Leaders will be at the Jupiter Hilton Hotel in Tequesta September 27-30.

The seminar is a project of Rotary International District 699, Southeast Florida and will bring together approximately 100 student leaders from high schools throughout this area.

The delegates will be

given talks by prominent business and community leaders and participate in discussions and recreational activities.

Miller and Ramos are

both members of the Crusader choir, student council and National Honor Society. Ramos is also a cheerleader, junior class treasurer and a member of the annual Crusader volleyball, basketball and softball teams.

Hergoing-away outfit was a gray and white sleeveless dress.

Matron of honor was the bride's sister, Jeanette Haire of Thomasville, Ga. The maid of honor was Pam May of Moore Haven. Bridesmaids were Wendy Reaume of Port Charlotte and Laurie Popiel of Fort Lauderdale.

All wore floor-length dresses of burgundy taffeta with puffed sleeves and fitted waists and a headpiece of burgundy miniature carnations and babies breath. Their flowers were burgundy nose gat and white carnations, babies breath, and burgundy ribbons.

Flowergirl Sonya Richmon were a floor-length burgundy quiana dress and carried a basket of miniature burgundy and white carnations and a burgundy bow.

Best man was Randy Nobles of Gainesville; Brian Beebe, Walt Vaughn, and Edward Vickers, all of Clewiston, served as groomsmen. George Richmon of Belle Glade served as ringbearer.

The groom wore a white tuxedo with tails. The best man wore a silver tux with tails. The groomsmen wore silver tuxedos without tails.

The bride's mother wore a floor-length dress of suede rose and a corsage of triple white roses with matching rose-colored bows.

The bride's mother wore a floor-length pink dress with matching jacket and a suede rose corsage of triple white roses with a pink bow.

A reception immediately followed the ceremony at John B. Boy Auditorium.

The auditorium was decorated with palms and tables were covered with white linen tablecloths, sprigging rye fern, and daisies.

The newly wed family and guests enjoyed a three-tiered cake, sitting on four columns, over a fountain and flowers. The cake was topped with bedding bells in front of a large heart.

Serving were Lisa Miller, Laura Troast, and Dawn Light. Sue Toth of Clearwater was in charge of the bride's book. The reception included a dance with music provided by the Midnight Riders. Linda Murse was in charge of the food.

The couple departed on a week's honeymoon in the Bahamas and are now residing in Tampa.

Mrs. Houser is a 1982 graduate of Clewiston High School and is now attending the Florida College of Medical and Dental Assistants.

Mr. Houser is a 1981 graduate of Moore Haven High School.

He is employed by Suncoast Office Systems in Tampa.

Out-of-town guests included Anne Menach of Bradenton; Velma Cone of Osteen; Grevens Mr. and Mrs. Artie Cone, Jr., Kenneth and Leslie Cone, and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Haire, all of Thomasville, Ga.; Mr. and Mrs. James White of Crystal River; Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Hall of Pahokee; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Harrell of Bonita Springs; and Judy Melfy of West Palm Beach.

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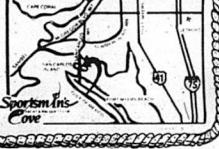
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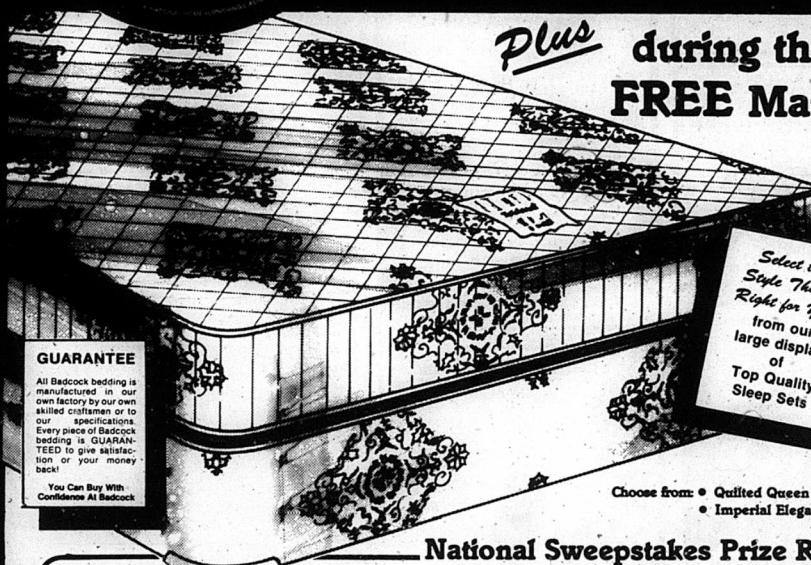


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